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N.Y. terror gang I to UN Cubans probed

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NEW YORK—Authorities investigating the radical coalition responsible for last week's bloody armored car ambush here suspect these terrorists may be aided by Cuban intelligence agents, some of them posing as United Nations diplomats.

At least one former member of the Weather Underground contends that the clandestine organization, which is part of the new coalition, routinely received assistance from the Cuban government in recent years.

Kenneth Walton, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York office, said Saturday that the investigation of the robbery in suburban Rockland County has expanded into an inquiry into possible links to foreign terrorist groups.

RECENT EVIDENCE indicates that a number of such organizations—including Italy's Red Brigades, West Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, Palestine Liberation Organization commandos, and Libyan terrorists—have been trained in the Soviet Union.

The apparent ties between these groups and Moscow has caused law-enforcement officials to give more credence to reports of connections between American terrorists and Kremlin client state Cuba, according to one investigator involved in the present case.

A documentary film on Soviet and Cuban spy operations in North America, produced last year by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., provides a number of clues on how this apparent network may operate.

In an interview in the film, ex-Weather Underground member Larry Grathwohl said the Cuban government knows at all times where every member of the organization is hiding.

He said that whenever a member is cut off from his comrades, he need only telephone the Cuban Embassy in Canada

or Mexico and identify himself by a code name. An intelligence officer with the embassy then arranges to put the terrorist organization member in touch with others in the group, also identifiable by code, Grathwohl said.

THE NEW YORK Daily News on Sunday quoted unnamed FBI officials in Washington as saying Cuban intelligence agents assigned to Havana's UN Mission in Manhattan have maintained regular contact with Weather Underground members.

Weatherman members have gone to Cuba for training and were criticized by Cuban officials on at least one occasion for not taking bold enough action, the FBI source said.

Among those who spent time in Cuba was Katherine Boudin, a Weather Underground leader and fugitive for 11 years until her arrest in last Tuesday's Rockland robbery.

Investigators say a series of raids last week on a string of radical "safehouses" in the New York area yielded evidence that the Weather Underground has joined forces with the Black Liberation Army, a militant group responsible for the murder of a number of policemen in recent years, and with remnants of the Black Panther Party.

THE LINK to the Panthers was established Friday when a gunman was killed and another captured after a high-speed chase and shootout in Queens. The incident developed when police noticed that the car bore the license plate linked to the armored-car holdup. Both gunmen were later identified as ex-Panthers.

Walton said the FBI is exploring possible ties to the FALN, a terrorist group that seeks independence for Puerto Rico.

"We are looking at this as a major racketeering investigation and will look at possible links between all these groups," Walton said. He would not comment when asked if the Central Intelligence Agency is involved in the inquiry.

As authorities pressed the search for at least three others thought to be involved in the Rockland robbery, in which two policemen and a Brinks guard were kill-

ed, the FBI ordered a nationwide hunt for two additional fugitive radicals characterized as "extremely dangerous".

THEY WERE identified as Katherine Ann Power, 32, formerly of Denver, wanted for 1970 bank robberies in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and Silas Bissell, 39, a Weather Underground member wanted for the 1970 firebombing of a Reserve Officer Training Corps building at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In another development, the ex-husband of the journalist with whom fugitive Boudin has lived in recent years revealed that he paid for the luxury Manhattan cooperative apartment which the two shared in recent years.

Steven Stollmack, a Washington lawyer who was divorced from Rita Jensen in 1979, said that he believes his former wife's assertion that she did not know Boudin's true identity.

In an interview with the New York Times, Stollmack said he remained friendly with Jensen after their separation and visited the apartment on several occasions. Jensen's two children and Boudin's one-year-old son also lived in the apartment.

"They had established a family with the children, and I'm sure there were strong feelings involved," Stollmack said.